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The Graeco-Turkish war seems to have quieted thoroughly demonstrated that the "powers" have been running by aid of something resembling the Keeley motor.

George Washington. The dedication in Philadelphia today of a costly monument reared by the Society of George Washington once more directs attention to the first great figure in our national history.

Ofologies of Washington there have been enough; his fame does not need them, and they sometimes becloud the truth.

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The merit for us in a commemoration of Washington lies in the new patience which it inspires under conditions filled with difficulty; in the zeal which it renews for the principles that his work confirmed; and above all, in the new faith in right which his precepts taught and his conduct exemplified.

American losses by reason of the Cuban war are now estimated at \$100,000,000. Spain has reason to thank her lucky stars that the United States does not demand indemnification at the point of the bayonet.

President Thomas on Pooling. The president of the Erie railroad, Mr. E. B. Thomas, in a recently published article presents arguments, from the railroad man's standpoint, for pooling should be legalized by congress.

Mr. Thomas, in beginning, notes a deplorable tendency by legislatures to give the railroads the worst of it in the past twenty-five years. He can recall many hostile acts of legislation but not one proposed, advocated or enacted for the benefit of the railroads, notwithstanding that our railroads employ more labor and purchase more supplies than any other industry.

The warring Republican leaders in Philadelphia have issued a statement which very truly says: "To every thoughtful man, without regard to his affiliations within the party, the present unfortunate factional differences must appeal with force of earnest conviction, that, if persisted in, personal hatred, bitter animosity and unyielding enmity will supplant party unity, personal loyalty and abiding love for the party's principles, and in the end cause party defeat both in the city and state."

Unless the law as interpreted and administered in the district of Columbia court is a respecter of persons, and consequently a shame and a reproach, the imprisonment of Broker Chapman, of New York, for contempt of the senate in refusing to attend to violate business confidences in the sugar scandal investigation will be followed in due time by the imprisonment of President Havenmeyer and Secretary Searles, of the sugar trust.

In a new country, under new conditions, and with a rapidly that has astonished the older world, we have built up a railway system equal in mileage to all the railways of the rest of the world combined—a system vast and complex and traversing half a hundred states and territories, each jealous of its own interests and with legislative control within its own domain.

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We sincerely hope that our fears in this direction shall prove to be without foundation. In the mass of conflicting newspaper gossip touching this and other subjects of a similar character—gossip doubtless often leavened with a deliberate intent to deceive—we endeavor to unravel the thread of truth but gain no confident success.

The Railway Employees' Journal is among the latest local enterprises in the newspaper line to claim recognition from the public. The new paper is published monthly; is devoted to the interests of all classes of railroad men, and is the official organ of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Mutual Aid association.

It would serve the European powers right if after having "sicked" the Turk upon Greece they couldn't pull him off without having to fight him themselves.

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"Among the men now battling for Cuba's freedom there is a strong sentiment against annexation to the United States, although our feelings toward your country are of the friendliest and most sympathetic character.

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More amusing than all else among the farcical features of the performance, is the assumption of Hale, of Maine, that he is the spokesman of the administration. That he is in league with Olney and Cleveland, in their astonishing treatment of the Cuban question, is the opinion of all who will express an opinion. But that the course of those gentlemen was dictated by wisdom or sound policy, no one believes. Their policy was well known to have been dictated by private influences inimical to Cuban independence.

The Cuban policy of this administration is well understood. The president does not intend to do anything to alter the present status of the revenue problem before congress until the revenue problem is settled in some way. If a proper declaration in regard to Cuba is to invite possible war, the government must be met the extra expense. That is one feature of the matter that must not be forgotten. There has been some question as to whether the government must be strengthened by an assured income superior to expenditures before anything else is attempted.

It would immeasurably forward the unrest of the poorer classes in this country if these arch-offenders were to escape judgment while a subordinate is given the full penalty of the law. Up to this time there are throughout the country many men who, while restless and dissatisfied with their social and industrial lot, are yet slow to believe that under existing institutions the rich can buy immunity from justice or in other ways command by means of their wealth and influence an unfair advantage over the poor.

Es-Senator Charles Felton, of California, has seen fit to be and Henry Oxnard and John Spreckels are here to direct the course of sugar legislation. It is the general opinion that the title character would have been wiser to cool more softly. Nobody would have suspected him if he had not protested so boldly. Felton was simply the plink of probability when he was in the senate, and if he lobbies now, and is a recognized agent of the sugar trust, it is conceded that it is because he prefers the cause most service the dear people in that capacity.

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Gossip at the Capital

Special Correspondence of The Tribune.

Washington, May 14. Take it all in all, probably the greatest favor ever granted in congress was the treatment of the Cuban question. At the beginning of the last congress, when congress discovered through the press and the form of public meetings all over the country that a war for an independent republic was being waged in Cuba, members of the house and senate were with such as to which would introduce the earliest and most radical resolution. Resolutions of sympathy with the struggling patriots were piled upon one another mountain high in both houses, and the desks were made top-heavy with resolutions recognizing the Cuban as belligerent and recognizing the independence of the Cuban republic.

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If some gossip persons are not exceedingly careful they will follow the footsteps of the broker, Chapman, towards the yawning doors of a prison. Since it is decided by the courts of all American Christendom that a witness in demand by a senate investigating committee must attend and answer, or invite imprisonment, it will not do to say that the senate will not do to say that several senators who were in the secret, and several persons who are not senators, loaded up with sugar just previous to the promulgation of the sugar schedule and made tens of thousands by the use of the knowledge of their own secret performances.

A member of the British legation tells me that while all Englishmen are naturally against the Turks they are forced to admire the manner in which the adherents of the "sick man" have fought. And with Greece, and the spirit of leniency and mercy exhibited by the commanders towards a foe known to be weaker than themselves. The war was unprovoked by Turkey, has resulted in disaster and humiliation for Greece, and the Turk is but unspcakable as he was and has gained the respect of all Europe to an extent unknown before.

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"Albion W. Tourgee, appointed consul to Bordeaux, is somewhat of a back number," said a member of congress who well knows the judge, "that he is a good man and all that, but I can't understand, however, where he got his backing. He was a failure as a novelist, as a newspaper writer, as a Chautauque lecturer, and in fact, in all he attempted, and I can't imagine who would assist him to get the place given him. But it doesn't require much brains to make a poor consular officer, and Tourgee will fill the bill. I do mean, of course, to say that there are not many brains about it, but I do say that some of the best consuls are fellows who have failed at everything else."

NO DESIRE TO PROCEED. A prisoner was in the dock on a serious charge of stealing, says London Times, and the case having been presented to the court by the prosecuting solicitor, he was ordered to stand up. "I have you a lawyer?" asked the court. "No, sir." "Are you able to employ one?" "No, sir." "Do you want a lawyer to defend the case?" "Not particular, sir."

THE CUBAN WAR. From the Springfield Republican. There must come a day when the United States will be forced to allow this contest to go on, unless we are prepared to say that it may go on forever. With every new failure of a campaign to suppress the rebellion a new wave of Democracy in the States becomes the more acute. This is based not only on humanitarian grounds, but on business grounds, and it is the business of the Democracy to state the position, now said to be circulating in New York banking and commercial circles, urging the president to do something to bring the insurrection to a close.

GOTHAM'S NEXT MAYOR. From the Rochester Chronicle. The mayor of Greater New York will receive a salary of \$15,000 a year, unless he happens to be a Tammany Democrat, in which case, as the St. Louis Globe-Democrat remarks, "nobody on earth can tell how much he will get."

Weather and Other Predictions for Sunday, May 16—Fourth after Easter. Weather cold. A child born on this day will have trouble through life. An unfortunate day. Monday, May 17—Sun in opposition to Herschel. Weather unreasonable. A child born on this day will be unfortunate. Tuesday, May 18—Sun in opposition to Saturn. Weather wet. A child born on this day will be rather fortunate. Count the stars in the sky. Wednesday, May 19—Venus square to Mars. Weather showery. A child born on this day will be quick, clever and fond of pleasure, but not fortunate. Sell in the afternoon. Thursday, May 20—Mercury square to Jupiter. Weather stormy. A child born on this day will be clever and ready, and will be generally fortunate. Seek employment and deal with women. Friday, May 21—Sun semi-square to Venus. Weather stormy. A child born on this day will be quick in anger and difficult to manage. Doubtful day for business. Saturday, May 22—Sun square to Jupiter. Windy. A child born on this day will be extravagant and careless. Sell in the evening.

THE BOOKMAN. BARGAIN SALE OF FINE STATIONERY. Begins Saturday, May 15. Last One Week. Watch the Window. THE CLEMONS, FERBER O'MALLEY CO., 422 Lackawanna Avenue.

GOLDSMITH'S G. B. BAZAAR.

Some of This Week's Attractions:

SILKS. Printed Foulards in black and blue grounds, new designs, at 25c. Fancy Jap and India Silks, light colors for fancy waists, at 29c. Double Warp Changeable Silk, very popular combinations, 50c. All Silk Brocaded Satins at 59 cents.

DRESS GOODS

Some of the good things offered at our great sale of Dress Fabrics. 34 Inch Mixed Suitings, 12 1-2 cents. 36 Inch Fancy Wool and Silk and Wool Checks and Mixtures, 25 cents. 50 pieces of the latest 38 inch Novelties at 39 cents. Separate Dress Patterns of Silk and Wool, Parisian Novelties, at 50 cents. Most of our \$1 and \$1.25 Fine Fancies reduced to 75 cents.

Don't lose sight of our GREAT CLOSING OUT CARPET SALE. We have already saved the public thousands of dollars this season, and are still in position to save you a good many more dollars.

FINLEY'S ARE YOU "SPRING POOR?"

Special Sale of Lace Curtains. Suppose you try a new line of economy this season and pay us for your New Suit just half what you expect to pay the Merchant Tailor. Can't wear Ready-Made Clothes? You can if they are the Boyle and Mucklow kind. Try it. Scores of the best dressed men in town wear them—and they like them.

We offer this week, to reduce stock, extraordinary values in Curtains: 40 pairs Nottingham Lace, 69c. a pair; from 85c. 20 pairs Nottingham Lace, 85c. a pair; from \$1.10. 18 pairs Nottingham Lace, \$1.15 a pair; from \$1.27 1/2. 10 pairs Nottingham Lace, \$1.28 a pair; from \$1.75. 15 pairs Nottingham Lace, \$1.65 a pair; from \$2.00. 12 pairs Nottingham Lace, \$1.95 a pair; from \$2.30. 20 pairs Irish Point, ecru and white, \$3.75 a pair; from \$4.50. 10 pairs Irish Point, ecru and white, \$4.55 a pair; from \$5.50. 12 pairs Irish Point, ecru and white, \$5.50 a pair; from \$5.55. 10 pairs Irish Point, ecru and white, \$6.50 a pair; from \$7.50. 10 pairs Irish Point, ecru and white, \$8.75 a pair; from \$10.00. 12 pairs Brussels Net, \$5.50 a pair; from \$6.75. 12 pairs Brussels Net, \$6.75 a pair; from \$7.55. 12 pairs Brussels Net, \$7.75 a pair; from \$9.25. 12 pairs Brussels Net, \$8.50 a pair; from \$10.00. 12 pairs Brussels Net, \$10.25 a pair; from \$12.00.

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Reynolds Bros STATIONERS, Hotel Jermyn Building. Coal. Coal of the best quality for domestic use and of all sizes, including Buckwheat and Hirshey, delivered in any part of the city at the lowest price.

WM. T. SMITH. Coal of the best quality for domestic use and of all sizes, including Buckwheat and Hirshey, delivered in any part of the city at the lowest price. Orders received at the Office, first floor, Commonwealth building, room No. 4; telephone No. 352 or at the mine, telephone No. 372, will be promptly attended to. Dealers supplied at the mine.